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TAGS: SNAR, CO
SUBJECT: US-COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS COOPERATION

1. ALTHOUGH THE SUBJECT OF NARCOTICS DID NOT ARISE DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S EXCHANGES IN BOGOTA, DAS BRIGGS SOUGHT OUT ATTORNEY GENERAL GONZALEZ CHARRY AT TURBAY'S EVENING RECEPTION FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT. HE EXPRESSED USG'S APPRECIATION FOR GOC COOPERATION AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOGNITION OF RECENT SUCCESSES IN INTERDICTION IN COLOMBIA.

2. CHARRY SAID HE HOPED US SUPPORT WOULD CONTINUE, ESPECIALLY SINCE MARIJUANA PLANTINGS HAVE GREATLY EXPANDED TO NEW AREAS IN COLOMBIA IN THE TWO YEARS SINCE BRIGGS WAS HERE. HE SAID ADDITIONAL MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM, AND RECALLED HIS VISIT TO MEXICO IN 1979 AND THE SUCCESSFUL MEXICAN PARAQUAT ERADICATION PROGRAM.

3. BRIGGS SAID THERE IS A GROWING INTEREST IN CONGRESS IN REMOVING THE PERCY AMENDMENT RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF PARAQUAT. THE EXECUTIVE IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH FRIENDS IN CONGRESS ON THIS, ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL TOO SOON TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE SAID HE SHARES THE VIEW OF THOSE U.S. LEGISLATORS WHO BELIEVE THAT UNTIL ERADICATION PROGRAMS ARE UNDERTAKEN AT HOME AND ABROAD, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY REAL DENT IN THE MARIJUANA TRADE. THE AG ENTHUSIASTICALLY AGREED.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS ABOVE TO INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS.
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